IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Continuation Application of   ) Examiner: S. Lao
Application No.: 08/950,760   )
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Original Appln Filed: October 15, 1997)
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For: REMOTE OBJECT ACTIVATION   )
        IN A DISTRIBUTED SYSTEM   )

Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of this continuation application, please amend this

application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete claims 54-69 and add new claims 70-102, as follows:

70.   A computer-implemented method of remotely activating objects, the

method comprising:

receiving a first request to activate a first object of a first object group;

in response to the received first activate request, determining whether a first

virtual machine associated with the first object group exists;

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